Providing Employment to youth

4562. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets enumerated in the Government's Common Minimum Programme in relation to providing employment of the unemployed youth in the country;

(b) the specific steps taken by Government so far for the achievement of this target; and

(c) the plan of action, if drawn, in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The National Common Minimum Programme in relation to employment provides for enactment of a National Employment Guarantee Act to provide a legal guarantee for atleast 100 days of employment to begin with every year at minimum wages for atleast one able bodied person in every rural, urban poor and lower middle class household. In the interim a massive food for work programme will be started.

(b) and (c) A National Rural Emloyment Guarantee Bill, 2004 has been introducted in the Lok Sabha on 21st December, 2004 by the Government to proivde for the enhancement of livelihood security of the poor households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

The Government have also launched the National Food for Work Programme on 14-11-2004 in 150 most backward districts of 27 States to generate supplementary wage employment with a view to provide employment assurance of at least 100 days per family in these areas.

Creation of posts in States

4563. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and Gujarat accommodate for 31 per cent jobs created since 1991; and

(b) whether Government are drawing plan for creation of posts in all States under new Industrial and Textiles Policy?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) As per the employment and unemployment surveys conducted by NSSO, employment in the state of Maharashtra and Gujarat on usual status basis during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 was as given below:

State	Employment during (In Million)	
	1993-94	1999-2000
Maharashtra	37·9	41.2
Gujarat	19 2	22.9
All India	374.5	397.0

(b) There is no such plan under the consideration of Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Abolition of Child Labour

†4564. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national programme for the abolition of child labour in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of child labourers in the country as on 31st March, 2005; State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to eliminating child labour in hazardous occupations and process, the National Child Labour Project Scheme was started in the year 1998, which was expanded to cover 100 districts during the 9th Plan and was further expanded to cover 250 districts during the 10th Plan. Under the Scheme, children,

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